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SUBJ: MENGISTU'S TV INTERVIEW

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT PMAC CHAIRMAN MENGISTU HAILE-MARIAM WAS INTERVIEWD MAY 1 BY TEAM OF FRENCH AND SWEDISH JOURNALISTS FOR PROGRAM TO BE AIRED SHORTLY ON SECOND PROGRAM OF FRENCH TV. ACCORDING TO THIRD PARTY SOURCES, ONE OF QUESTIONS ASKED RELATED TO ETHIOPIAN EXPULSION OF U.S. OFFICIAL PERSONNEL LAST WEEK AND WHETHER ACTION PRESAGED FURTHER MOVES AGAINST U.S. OFFICIAL PRESENCE IN ADDIS ABABA. RESPONDING IN VERY RELAXED MANNER, MENGISTU IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT U.S. AGENCIES WHOSE ACTIVITIES HAD BEEN TERMINATED WERE IN ETHIOPIAN ON BASIS OF OLD AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED BY FEUDALISTIC HAILE SELASSIE REGIME AND U.S. GOVT. EXPULSION WAS INTENDED SIMPLY TO ELIMINATE LEFTOVERS FROM IMPERIAL ERA, SO THAT REVOLUTIONARY ETHIOPIA COULD MAKE FRESH START IN MEETING NEEDS OF MASSES. IMPLICATION OF MENGISTU'S REMARKS WAS APPARENTLY THAT EXPULSION WAS NOT INTENDED AS ACTION DIRECTED AGAINST EMBASSY PER SE.

2. EMB WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING TRANSCRIPT OF
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